

Getting Started on Integrated Assessment for the Puget Sound Ecosystem

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Puget Sound is an ecosystem that has over time been stressed by multiple environmental and anthropogenic factors. As an ecosystem, it is significantly compromised yet still functioning and dynamic. This Session would explore climate variability and change, historic decisions and institutions, role of pollution over time, metrics for assessing the ecosystem, economics of Puget Sound ecosystem, role of iconic species and the larger regional context for integrated assessment of Puget Sound. A portion of this session would be devoted to facilitated interaction with attendees to gain feedback on how to develop the integrated assessment.

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